

have these predictions made and Jeroboam naturally doesn't know when this is going to happen. This might happen -- well, we'll say the child is to be born--if the child is to be born next year, he could conceivably do this at the age of twenty; this might be twenty years off. It might be three hundred, as it was. But here is a prediction here then of something that is going to happen in the future sometime with an increase of the house of David and comparatively ~~an~~ a decrease in power of the house of Israel so they can't ~~essentially~~ prevent this. The house of David is going to continue until this is done. The altar is going to be defiled. These are very ~~striking~~ striking and strong predictions, but they are predictions that look a long way off. Supposing that someone were to come to us and were to say, "You had better be careful how you deal with Paraguay. A great conqueror is going to come from Paraguay and is going to conquer the United States." We would say that that is very interesting. Perhaps a thousand years from now it ~~might~~ ^{may} happen. Who knows? None of us would worry much about it right now. It would seem hardly anything to think about for the immediate. As for the future we might say that anyone can make a guess what is going to happen in the future, but why be concerned about it? I remember when Hughes and Wilson were running for the president in 1916, the North American Review, an old and well established magazine, which was very widely read, the editor made a prediction as to how the election would turn out, and he gave Hughes about three-fourths of the electoral college, absolutely certainty of winning the election. In the end Hughes lost and Wilson got, I think ¹⁹⁻¹¹ votes from the electoral college and won the election. It was very close, but he expected Hughes to have a ~~decisive landslide~~ decisive landslide and to win. Well, ~~he was~~ his reputation as a prognosticator sank so that the magazine went out of business very soon after that, ~~and the fame of this man as a prognosticator.~~ ^{for} ~~and~~ and put an end to this magazine and to the fame of this man as a prognosticator. He made a prediction, and the prediction proved false. Well, you can avoid that